

THE DAILY REBEL.

Persons ordering the book by mail will please bear in mind that we will not receive any of the shipper owned by the Atlantic Insurance Companies, nor those issued by private banks in Montgomery or elsewhere. Neither will we undertake to return almanacs sent us, after the publication of this notice.

Person receiving late Northern newspapers will greatly assist us by the use of them. The general anxiety of all birds to hear the latest intelligence from the enemy's country, and the absolute accuracy which the dissemination of such information calculated to accomplish, should call to the attention of those along the front one day in Middle Tennessee, the value of late Yankee journals. We are willing to pay cash, or thanks liberally for such services.

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WEDNESDAY MORNING, FEB. 23, 1863.

THE SITUATION.

The "signs of the times" in the region of the front, are represented as exhibiting but one idiosyncrasy.

Rosecrans is said to be checked by several circumstances besides the weather; but the most intelligent opinions contemplate his advances by the time the Spring fairly opens. His reinforcements are stated by the most positive information, as not exceeding fifteen thousand. Great expectations are based on the next possible advance.

Charleston is still unattacked. When will the ball begin?

Drowning men catch at straws. Twelve months ago, when the infant arms of the Confederacy were stretched out, like those of a child in deep water, doubting, fearing, yet never hopeless of reaching shore, such a bit of drift wood as that which has floated to us from the French coast, would have convulsed the whole heart of the nation, and we should have seen men, and sensible men too, grappling it as though it were some special immunity from danger, some all-preserving talisman of future good. And yet,

We will explain briefly, for the entire matter inconsiderable in substance, is very extensive in bulk; running through several columns of correspondence between Messrs. Drouyn De L'Houys and Mercier, on the one hand, and Meats, Seward and Dayton on the other; the whole amounting to the merest puff of French smoke, and the foulest smell of Yankee diplomacy. The entire business, in a nut-shell, is this: Napoleon, with what ulterior designs the future must disclose, having politely invited England to join him and received a polite negative, plays his hand solid, and says to Abraham the First, with a fraternal clug under the ribs, "you and I understand one another, my old boy. This is an ugly scrape you've gotten yourself into with the Southern States; can't I do something for you?"

Elsewhere, you are tired of the war; suppose we have a Peace Commission and talk the matter over at Montreal or Vera Cruz, or some out of the way place. No harm in that, you know, for whilst the convention sits you can go on whipping the rebels, as you have been doing, and when it adjourns and you have subjugated them, why you can make a pretty speech, with a fair showing of a just spirit before the world, and tell several first rate anecdotes besides, that may happen to occur to you, as we go along." Reduced to common, unofficial, anti-diplomatic language, and the proposition of the Emperor bears this intent no more. He does not see the Confederate States at all; they, it is assumed, are eager for anything which the grace of God and the French Emperor may send them, and only too willing to treat for terms. Mr. Seward replies, "Delicate subject he says, and must be considered in various points of view. Whereupon, having paid the usual compliments of the season to the Emperor and the Empress, the Infant Expectant and the Universal French Nation, he proceeds with a beautiful specimen of special pleading, which would be respectable in point of art if it were not shameless in point of artifice. He tells the world that the government is doing as well as could be expected; it has already strangled the better part of the rebellion, possessing itself with more than two-thirds of the original Confederate States, and leaving but three States whole to the Southern traitors; challenges history for a parallel to the exhibition of valor, prowess, and effect given by the true and loyal people of the United States, and concludes with an easy, off-hand, and wondrously complacent rejection of the polite attentions of the imperial ministry. Thus ends the first era of what has been mis-called "intervention." What will succeed it, can any one tell? What may come of it, does any one care?

Drowning men catch at straws, say the old adage, and we poor drowning simpletons, who one year ago felt so much respect for the opinions of My Lord and the movements of Monsieur, are now unexalted by an actual proposal, and take it about with a dis-

passionate self-reliance truly marvellous. Why is it? The truth is, we are drowning men no longer, even in our weak imaginings, (we never were in reality) and we need neither foreign straws nor trans-atlantic planks. We can float without buoys or life preservers. We are not like "little wanton boys that swim on bladders." But

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With the price of firewood at forty dollars per cord, and the supply of coal entirely exhausted, it is supposed that the Nashville people are in great need of fuel. The Union says that several houses have been torn down for firewood, leaving nothing but the foundations and chimneys. One woman on College street had torn down all her fencing, very wisely concluding that she is as much entitled to it as others.

Among the various articles of dress, jewelry, &c., in preparation for Miss Warren the bride of Gen. Tom Thumb, is a costly reception dress ordered by Mr. Barnum. This dress is made to represent the national emblem of America, England, France, Germany, Ireland, Scotland and Italy. It will also be worn at her presentation to the Courts of Queen Victoria and the Empress Eugenie. It was publicly exhibited in New York.

Raymond of the New York Times had to travel several hundred miles recently, because of a telegraphic blunder, and learned that his brother's corpse was at Bell Plain. Coming post haste to that place he discovered his brother not only alive, but in excellent health. The telegram had been sent: "Your brother's corpse is at Bell Plain," and the additional word put on during its transmission. He ought to get out a writ of habeas corpus for that operator.

Old Simon Cameron bribed a member of the Pennsylvania Legislature to vote for him for Senator, but when the votes were counted Simon discovered his dismay that "the Devil" had deceived him. Instead of voting for Simon he voted for a certain Charles R. Buckle. Simon was evidently satisfied, if there wasn't a "screw loose" some where—there was a "back-lace" (Buckalew's) in the Legislature.

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The dispatches say a Yankee gun-boat approaching Charleston with a flag of truce, caused much speculation concerning her object. If her object was to bring tidings of an armistice there would be much more speculation—in cotton.

The Yankees pay heavy duty on every article of merchandise from Europe. Immense cargoes for the South run the blockade daily, without any duty save that which the Southern merchants owe to their countrymen. To all their goods as cheap as possible.

If prices increase up North as they have of late, in a few months it will cost more to live up there than it does in Dixie. Very little is saved in buying exchange to purchase goods in Yankeedom, not much cheaper than in the South.

A Cincinnati paper gives a list of eighteen Brigadiers and six Major Generals in the Yankee service who are without commands. It might give a still longer list of Brigades and Divisions that are without commanders.

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Dr. Linn—President Lord, of Dartmouth College, has an article in the Cincinnati Enquirer justifying the institution of slavery, denouncing Abolitionists, and charging it with being the cause of the war.

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The Montgomery Mail learns from Capt. Simms, clerk of the Warrior, that the gunboat recently built at Selma was launched yesterday without accident. She was immediately taken in tow by the steamer Southern Republic, and started for Mobile, where she will doubtless give a good account of herself.

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Two juveniles named Jerome Saunders and Lucy Walsh, the former aged sixteen and the latter fourteen, were married in Davies county, Ky., a short time since.

Lincoln's edict for the "salvation of his bacon"—"Off with his head, so much for Valiant-land."

Major General Sterling Price is now in the city of Mobile.

A new way in the North West for stopping the war—Concussion.

Lincoln's organ in Washington, the Chronicle, says that wherever the Democrats have gained a victory at the North contempt for Federal authority has been as common as expressions of sympathy with traitors."

On the 11th inst., \$10,000 in bills of solvent Georgia, South Carolina, Alabama, Acc., banks, sold in Memphis at 95 cent. Another lot of \$1000 went off at 97 cents.

Six hundred and fifty bales of cotton have arrived at New York from Parabita, coast of Brazil.

LITERARY.

Capt. Montgomery, of the New Orleans press, is writing a book to be called "Heroes and Heroines of the war."

Dr. G. W. Rigby, the well known editor of the Southern Literary Messenger, at Richmond, is making a collection of the humorous anecdotes and incidents of the war.

Gen. McClellan, in a speech a few days ago in Boston, said that he was preparing a history of the principal part of his time.

Miss Clara V. Dargan, a gifted contributor of the Field and Fletch, and other Journals, and well known throughout our District has been engaged to conduct a "United Literary Department" in the Edgefield Advertiser.

Russell, the correspondent of the Leader Times, has written a diary of his sojourn in America. The London Spectator says it is the heaviest blow yet administered to English sympathy for the rebellion, and the Harper's announce its republication with a great flourish of trumpets.

A new book is announced—the Life of John Newland Maffitt, the eccentric and celebrated pulpit orator, whose career is generally known to every body. Our conferees of the Mobile Tribune, John W. Overall, Esq., is the author. The gallant Captain of the Confederate State ship of war Florida is a son of the famous orator.

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Headquarters, Dept. of the Cumberland, Murfreesboro, Tenn., Jan. 31, 1863.

To the Honorable the General Assembly of the State of Ohio:

The resolution of thanks passed by your honorable body to the army of the Cumberland, in commanding general, and his staff, has been duly received and published to the troops of this command. On behalf of all, I return you heartfelt thanks.

This is, indeed, a war for the maintenance of the Constitution and the laws—ay, for national existence—against those who have despised our honest friendship, deceived our just hopes, and driven us to defend our country and our homes. By foul and wilful insidiousness on our motives and intentions perniciously arrayed against us, our own fellow citizens, bound by the triple ties of community, geographical position and commercial interest.

Let no man among us be hase enough to forget this, or fool enough to trust our oligarchy of traitors to their friends, to civil liberty and human freedom. Valiantly exits our home and friends, for the defense and safety of all, we long for the time when gentle souls again spread their wings over our land; but we know no such blessing is possible while the unjust and arbitrary power of the rebel leaders endures, and we are compelled to yield to them and destroy us without mercy.

Absolutely assured of these taunts, I am confident that any one could think of "peace on any terms." He who entertains the sentiment is fit only to be a slave; he who utters it at this time is, moreover, a traitor to his own race, who deserves the scorn and contempt of all honorable men.

When the power of the impious rebels is removed, and the people are free to consider and act for their own interests, which are common with our own, there will be no room for the rebels to intrude.

Abolitionists, and other scoundrels, who would also try to intrude, will be driven away, as they did by us.

Whenever they have the power, they drive before them into their ranks the Southern people, and they would also drive us. Trust them not. Were they able to invade and destroy us without mercy.

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